

News Release

University of Minnesota System Supports Youth Charities Statewide with Additional Big Ten Bowl Revenue; U of M Crookston Donates \$45,870 to United Way of Crookston

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To benefit future leaders in Minnesota, the University of Minnesota will donate its share of Pennsylvania State University's forfeited 2013-14 football bowl revenue to 18 youth-oriented charitable organizations across the state. Sanctioned imposed on Penn State from 2012-13 through 2015-16 designate all its bowl revenue for charitable donations.

University President Eric Kaler provided an equal share of the \$229,368 to each of the University's five campuses. The Crookston, Duluth, Morris, Rochester and Twin Cities campuses will donate \$45,870 each to local charities that support youth.

"It's important to support organizations that improve the education, opportunities and quality of life for our young people throughout the state," Kaler said. "They are our state's future teachers, scientists, medical professionals, and civic and cultural leaders, and this is an extraordinary opportunity to partner with communities statewide."

Last year the University of Minnesota donated its share of more than \$188,000 to support the Greater Twin Cities United Way. This year, the U's five campus chancellors were each given the opportunity to select their own charitable recipients. Those selections are:

- Crookston campus: \$45,870 to United Way of Crookston.
- Duluth campus: \$10,000 to Life House; \$10,000 to Damiano Center Kids Café; \$10,000 to Mentor Duluth; \$10,000 to First Witness Child Advocacy Center; and \$5,870 to Myers-Wilkins Community School Collaborative.
- Morris campus: \$5,733 will go to each: Lazos of Morris; Someplace Safe of Morris; Morris Area Arts Boosters, Inc.; Morris Community Education Youth programs; Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance; Dakota Wicohan projects; White Earth Nation's Ochki Manidoo (New Spirit) Fund; and Prairie Wood Environmental Learning Center.
- Rochester campus: \$25,870 to Rochester Area Family YMCA; \$10,000 to Boys and Girls Club of Rochester; and \$10,000 to United Way of Olmsted County.
- Twin Cities campus: \$45,870 to Greater Twin Cities United Way.

The total of Penn State's forfeited share this year is \$2.752 million.

Fred Wood, chancellor of the Crookston campus, supported Kaler's decision to split the money among the five statewide campuses of the U of M system. "This money will do a lot of good in these communities across the state of Minnesota, including right here in our rural community of Crookston," he said. "We are happy to direct this donation to the United Way of Crookston, with whom we have partnered for many years. The United Way works with many youth oriented programs and organizations in our community, and it has a proven track record of positive impact."

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